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JOINT EMBASSY-USEC MESSAGE

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SUBJ: DEPSEC VISIT TO EUROPE: PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR MRS.

RUSH

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, USEC AND EMBASSY BRUSSELS  
SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES FOR  
MRS. RUSH:

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

1030 VISIT TO THE NEWLY RE-OPENED

ROYAL

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, ACCOMPANIED

BY MRS. GREENWALD AND POSSIBLY MRS.

FIRESTONE PLUS OTHER MISSION AND

EMBASSY WIVES AS APPROPRIATE. THE

COLLECTION INCLUDES OUTSTANDING WORKS

OF FLEMISH MASTERS, ESPECIALLY

RUBENS AND BREUGHEL. (AN ENGLISH

SPEAKING GUIDE WILL BE AVAILABLE.)

1215 TOUR OF DOWNTOWN BRUSSELS CENTERING

ON THE GRAND' PLACE OR (DEPENDING

ON WEATHER AND MRS. RUSH'S DESIRES)

A TOUR OF THE ROYALE BELGE BUILDING

LOCATED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BRUSSELS.

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(THE LATTER IS A STRIKING CONTEMPORARY

BUILDING SURROUNDED BY BEAUTIFUL  
GARDENS.)

1315 LUNCHEON OFFERED BY MRS. GREENWALD.  
GUESTS WOULD INCLUDE ANY LADIES IN  
MRS. RUSH'S PARTY, WIVES OF EC  
COMMISSION OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE  
CONSULTATIONS, AND WIVES OF USEC AND  
EMBASSY OFFICERS. WE EXPECT A TOTAL  
OF SIXTEEN TO TWENTY LADIES FOR LUNCH.

1530 VISIT OF TWO OF BELGIUM'S FINEST  
PRIVATE COLLECTIONS OF MODERN ART, THOSE  
OF BARON LAMBERT AND MADAME KREBS.  
THE WALLS OF MADAME KREBS' SALON ARE  
COVERED BY MURALS PAINTED BY DELVAUX,  
ONE OF BELGIUM'S FEW LIVING MASTERS.  
AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE FOREGOING,  
WE CAN ARRANGE A VISIT TO A CHARITY SUPPORTED  
BY THE AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF BELGIUM.

THE FOLLOWING EVENING PROGRAMS ARE INTERCHANGEABLE BETWEEN  
JUNE 6 AND JUNE 7, DEPENDING UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF  
CULTURAL EVENTS OF INTEREST TO MRS. RUSH.

PROGRAM A

2000 BUFFET SUPPER OFFERED BY USEC DCM AND  
MRS. JACOB MYERSON. GUESTS WOULD  
INCLUDE DELEGATION MEMBERS AND WIVES  
NON OTHERWISE ENGAGED, USEC AND EMBASSY  
OFFICERS AND WIVES, AND COMMISSION  
OFFICIALS AND WIVES.

PROGRAM B

DINNER: FREE

2000 CULTURAL EVENT EVENT (FOLLOWING ARE  
RECOMMENDED: TOONE THEATRE - AUTHENTIC  
BRUXELLOIS PUPPET THEATRE; A PERFORMANCE  
OF THE MERRY WIDOW AT THEATRE DE LA  
MONNAIE).

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

0930 CARS DEPART FOR BRUGES. (CAPITAL OF  
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FLANDERS UNDER THE DUKES OF BURGUNDY.  
CONTAINS SOME OF THE FINEST FLEMISH  
RENAISSANCE ART AND ARCHITECTURE IN  
BELGIUM.)

1100 ARRIVE BRUGES. PARTY WILL CONSIST OF  
DELEGATION WIVES, MRS. GREENWALD, POS-  
SIBLY MRS. FIRESTOND, MRS. BOOCHEVER (WIFE  
OF EMBASSY DCM) AND OTHER USEC AND EMBASSY

WIVES.

1300 LUNCHEON AT THE RESTAURANT DUC DE  
BURGOGNE, OR IN A RESTARANT ON A BARGE MOORED  
ON A CANAL. LUNCHEON WILL COST APPROXIMATELY  
\$15 PER PERSON.

1500 CONTINUE TOUR OF BRUGES.

1600 DEPART BRUGES.

EVENING PROGRAM A OR B.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

MORNING DEPARTURE.

2. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. FIRESTONE MAY NOT ARRIVE IN BRUSSELS  
UNTIL AFTER THE DEPSEC'S VISIT. THEREFORE, WE ARE UNABLE  
TO CONFIRM THAT MRS. FIRESTONE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY OF  
THE EVENTS LISTED.

3. WE WILL SUPPLY BIO DATA REQUESTED IN REFTTEL AFTER  
PROPOSED PROGRAM HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY MRS. RUSH.

4. USEC CONTROL OFFICER FOR MRS. RUSH IS FSO RAY MEYER,  
EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER, COMMATT RODERICK GRANT.GREENWALD

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